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SUBJECT:

CHILD CARE SERVICES AT THE MARTIN LUTHER

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On November 26, 2013, the Board instructed the Department of Health Services (DHS) find that there is a need for child-care services at the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Medical Center campus commensurate with the need at the other County health campuses. The Board of Supervisors further directed the Director of DHS, working in coordination with the Child Care/Service Integration Branch of the Chief Executive Office to report back in writing in 45 days with a proposed workplan that initiates on-site employee infant and child-care center at the MLK campus.

In response to this motion, DHS with input from the Child Care/Service Integration Branch of the Chief Executive Office, developed a survey to assess the level of child care services that will be needed. On December 18, 2013 a survey was sent to MLK Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center workforce members along with other county department workforce members working on and near the MLK campus. However, due to the holidays, the response rate was low. Therefore, we are requesting a 30-day extension to allow more time for employees to respond and to further explore location options on or near the MLK campus for an on-site employee infant and child-care center.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Mark Ghaly, Deputy Director of Community Health, at (213) 240-8107.

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